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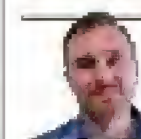
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'Victory for transgender'

LANDMARK RULING

**Revealing
legal name
of student a
violation of act**



**Tim
Querengesser**
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An Edmonton school violated the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act when it revealed the legal name of a transgender student, according to a ruling by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Keri Ridley, adjudicator for the office, examined a complaint brought forward by a transgender student in an Edmonton school.

Her report, which was recently posted publicly, notes the student was born male and given a male name, but now identifies as female and uses a different name — though her legal name has

not yet been changed.

The report also notes the student and their family discussed the matter with the school before she started classes, and the school agreed to keep her legal name private.

But Ridley's report notes that failed to happen.

She details how the student's legal name was being used by the school on an attendance computer program it uses, and disclosed during attendance at the school on six separate occasions, therefore identifying her to other students as transgender.

Her ruling states the school contravened the privacy act and she has ordered it to stop doing so, and also to make new arrangements to protect the student's personal information in future.

"I think it's a landmark ruling and a victory for transgender students across Alberta," said Kristopher Wells, director of the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services at the University of Alberta. "It reaffirms they have a legal right to privacy and confidentiality."

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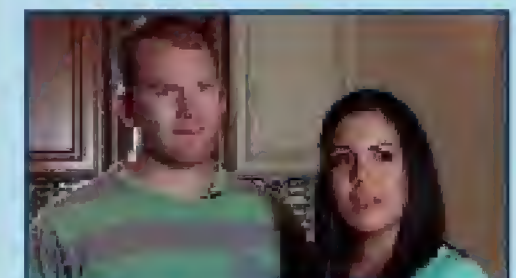
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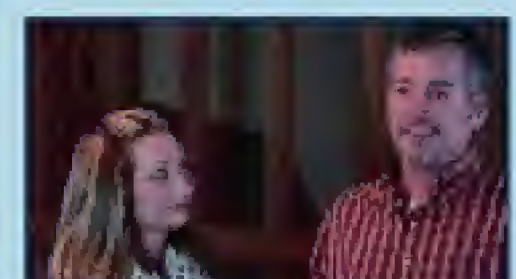
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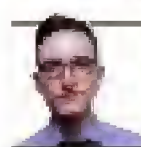
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K-Days attendance up

DEVELOPMENT

But festival, Northlands might still shut down, says CEO



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

K-Days might disappear in 2017.

Indeed, Northlands President and CEO Tim Reid said the long-running festival, and Northlands as a whole, could shut down if city council rejects its Vision 2020 redevelopment strategy, when it votes on it on Aug. 31.

"We've been very clear with our decision making that we won't be the next not-for-profit that finds itself in the red," Reid said Tuesday.

The organization's Vision 2020 plan includes residential and commercial retail development on the 160-acre Northlands site in northeast Edmonton, as well as an outdoor concert site that could host up to 80,000 people.

If the plan goes ahead, Rexall Place would be redesigned at a cost of \$85 million to house six community rinks, and would go back to its former Northlands Coliseum moniker.

The plan is a response to Rogers Place opening downtown next month, which will siphon big-ticket events like concerts and NHL games from Northlands.

"It's not all or nothing, but it's definitely a reality that our business model has changed. And our ability to frankly pay



Northlands President and CEO Tim Reid speaks to reporters Tuesday. Inset: A large outdoor concert space is part of the Vision 2020 plan proposed by Northlands. KEVIN MAIMANN/METRO; CONTRIBUTED

the city back on the debt on the Expo Centre has changed," Reid said.

Northlands has \$47 million in debt for the Expo Centre, linked to a loan that the city underwrote, and is asking debt forgiveness from council as well as well as a willingness to redevelop.

Reid has also suggested using the site for other struggling Edmonton festivals by building and sharing permanent infrastructure to save costs.



It's not all or nothing, but it's definitely a reality that our business model has changed.

Tim Reid

He said he has received interest from other festivals and has a shortlist of developers, though

did not share details.

Attendance was up at this year's K-Days, drawing more than 803,000 people over 10 days — but the festival brings in roughly \$16 million annually, which pales in comparison to the \$50 million Northlands got from events at Rexall Place.

Its moneymakers subsidize agricultural initiatives and other programs that lose money.

Reid said Northlands is valuable to the city beyond the en-

tertainment factor, as its non-profit status allows it to do things "because it's the right thing to do, and not necessarily to make money."

This, he says, was evidenced by its housing of Fort McMurray wildfire evacuees at the Expo Centre this spring.

"I would challenge that our community would have a hard time taking Rogers Place offline to put evacuees in it for seven days," Reid said.

CHARITY

Food bank comes up short for donations



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

The Edmonton Food Bank may be left scrambling for September after Heritage Festival donations fell far short of their goal.

According to spokesperson Tamisan Bencz-Knight every year they expect to bring in about 50,000 kilograms of food from the three-day festival, their biggest donation drive of the year.

But as of Tuesday afternoon they'd only received just over 32,000 kilograms — making this the first year since 2003 they missed their target.

She said the unpredictable weather — the park had to be evacuated on Saturday due to lightning — didn't help, but is hoping they're able to make it up.

"We're pretty concerned, but I know that Edmontonians are good to us," said Bencz-Knight, "so we know that people are listening."

Bencz-Knight said they're continuing the campaign until Friday. Food items can be dropped off at major grocery stores and fire stations, and money can be contributed through their website.

She said donations this time of year are particularly important as they ensure they're well supplied for September. The return to school means extra costs for families, which translates into increased demand for hampers. She points out that 40 per cent of the people they serve are children.



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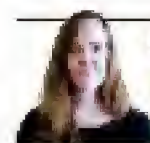
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Payday loan laws cut fees

DEBT

Anti-poverty advocates say moves good for vulnerable



Samantha Power
For Metro | Edmonton

Changes to payday loan rules in Alberta that have now taken force will help people out of a cycle of debt according to anti-poverty advocates in Edmonton.

"These changes are long overdue," said Julian Daly executive director with the Boyle Street Community Services.

Daly said he has seen people come to him for help with small loans that have grown to as much as \$1,600.

"This is money they need to buy basics, to buy food for children."

New rules came into effect Aug. 1, capping fees in payday loans at \$15 per \$100 borrowed, down from the current \$23 per \$100 borrowed. The



New laws restrict how much payday loans stores can charge customers who take the loans.

KEVIN TUONG/METRO

new rate pegs Alberta with having the lowest cost of borrowing.

All services must be accounted for in the fee, ending the high service charges outside of already high interest rates.

The new law also introduces

“These changes are long overdue.”

Julian Daly,
anti-poverty advocate

a “cooling off” period which allows the borrower to cancel the agreement and return all money within two days of signing.

Payday loans now have to be less than \$1,500 with a 62 day term.

Daly said many sign the con-

tracts without understanding what they're getting into.

He said the next step is to open up financial services to ensure those who need access to emergency funding are able to get it.

"People still need loans and if they're desperate they'll go anywhere."

Tony Irwin, president of the Canadian Payday Loan Association, said he's questioning where people seeking cash will go if there aren't shops offering services.

He said lenders may not be able to provide the same number of loans, and may have to offer them differently than before.

The answer could be credit unions or social service agencies.

Boyle Street is looking into the possibility of providing significant financial services in the next two months.

Servus Credit Union committed to developing a socially responsible loan program that will provide a fair alternative to payday loans, which should be developed by the end of 2016. WITH FILES FROM JEREMY SIMES/METRO CALGARY

IN BRIEF

Calgary home prices fall

Calgary's real estate continues to diverge from hot markets in Toronto and Vancouver with a 20th consecutive month of declining home sales in July.

The Calgary Real Estate Board said Tuesday that sales activity totalled 1,741 units last month — a 12.6 decrease over last year. The board said unemployment and fewer people coming to the city add to the weaker market.

Calgary's benchmark price, which aims to represent the price of a typical home, dropped only \$400 from June, but at \$440,000 is down 4.16 per cent from July 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Girl found dead in dugout

A family in southern Alberta is mourning the death of a six-year-old girl who was found Monday afternoon unconscious in a water-filled dugout. The girl could not be revived despite efforts of relatives and medical staff. An autopsy will be performed, but police say the girl's death does not appear to be suspicious.

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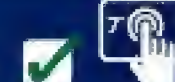
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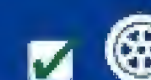
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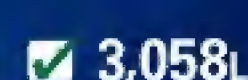
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CLIMATOLOGY

2016's heavy weather 'biblical': Expert

In a country known for episodes of extreme weather, even Environment Canada's senior climatologist is shaking his head over the flurry of bad weather hitting the Prairies this year — most notably in Alberta.

David Phillips, who has been on the job for five decades, said the 2016 weather season isn't likely to be one that especially Albertans and others on the Prairie will look back on fondly.

He said the number of tornadoes, winds, hail, thunderstorms

and humidity are up in all three Prairie provinces but nobody has had it worse than those living in northern and southern Alberta.

"You saw the terrible thing in Fort McMurray. My God, I'm sure they were wondering would the locusts be next. I mean, it's so Biblical," said Phillips.

"They had the fires and the drought and now the floods. They clearly had more than a month's worth of rain in Fort McMurray in two hours, and it's almost as if they couldn't

get rain when they prayed for it back in April and May."

Residents of the oilsands capital began returning in June after a wildfire spread into the city on May 3 and forced more than 80,000 people to leave for nearly a month.

Over the weekend the municipality once again activated its emergency operations centre to deal with flooding after receiving around 85 millimetres in just two hours.

July was particularly onerous,

especially in Calgary where 206 millimetres of rain fell.

"It's the wettest July in 89 years — it was back in 1927 but the other thing that really stood out for me was the number of thunderstorms and number of wet days," he said.

"Calgary had 19 thunderstorms and they normally would see eight of those, and they had 43 hours with thunderstorms. It was a rock and rolling kind of month."

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Student leaders at the University of Alberta say changes to federal grants that target middle- and low-income students will make school more accessible. METRO FILE

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Grants get a big boost

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Student leaders say changes will open school to poor



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Student leaders are applauding changes to a federal grants program that will replace some tax credits with grants for students from low- and middle-income families.

Starting August 1, Canada Student Grants went up 50 per cent, to \$3,000 per year for full time students from low income families, and \$1,200 for middle income students.

This replaces the Education and Tax Credits, which used to kick in when students started to draw paycheques. But student associations in Edmonton say the change allows students

to access money sooner — at a time when they're actually paying tuition.

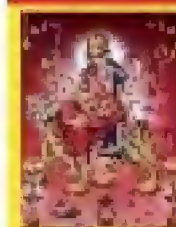
"The old system with tax credits tends to help people who aren't as strapped for cash and aren't having as much trouble paying for education," said Fahim Rahman, Student Union president at the University of Alberta.

Also starting in November, students won't have to make repayments on federal loans until they're earning at least \$25,000 per year.

Dexter Bruneau, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and a student at Mount Royal, said that federal loans account for about 60 per cent of the money borrowed by a student in Alberta, so this help ease financial burdens on students locally.

He points out allocating funds with grants rather than tax credits is something the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations has long pushed for, so he's glad the federal government listened.

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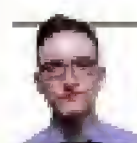


Rain has made Edmonton very green, but it has also led to the growth of poisonous mushrooms, which one vet is warning pet owners about. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Toxic mushrooms a danger for pets

ANIMAL WELFARE

Wet weather means more sprouting, warns local vet



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton pets are in danger with poisonous mushrooms "popping up like crazy" due to rainy weather, says one veterinarian.

Dr. Erin Simmonds, a doctor of veterinary medicine with the Guardian Veterinary Clinic, said she has been getting more

calls than usual about cats and dogs eating wild mushrooms in the past few weeks.

"Mushrooms like to grow in moist soil and with all of the rain we have had, the mushrooms seem to be popping up like crazy in people's yards," Simmonds said.

She urges pet owners to remove all mushrooms from their yards as it can be "very difficult" to identify which ones are toxic, and to watch their dogs closely in parks.

"It only takes a second for a curious puppy to munch on a mushroom," Simmonds said.

Mushroom toxicity can cause gastrointestinal problems and in serious cases life-threatening illnesses like liver failure, heart problems and neurological problems.



It only takes a second for a curious puppy to munch on a mushroom.

Dr. Erin Simmonds

Pet owners should take their dog or cat to a vet right away if they show symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, collapse, low heart rate, difficulty breathing or seizures.

"Even if a pet is not showing signs of illness, if they witnessed their pet ingest a mushroom outside it is best to have them evaluated by a veterinarian," Simmonds said.

STREAMING SERVICE

Hart picks up comedy show



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

He's taken the stage countless times as a well-known Edmonton performer, but for Sterling Scott, that didn't make pitching a show to comedian Kevin Hart much easier.

"I was scared," he said. "People were coming in with entire movie pilots, entire teams. And I'm just a comedian with a sheet of paper."

Scott was recently given the chance to pitch the local Dating Game show he hosts every Sunday at On the Rocks to the superstar comedian, who's launching a streaming comedy network early next year.

"So as I'm going up, I made a little rant about how all I got is a really nice suit, meanwhile I'm going up against the producers of Batman 4," he said.

Kevin Hart laughed, he said — and more significantly, picked up the show. That means a series based on Scott's show, which is produced by Sherwood Park-based company Connie's Comedy, will eventually air on Laugh Out Loud, the streaming service Hart is creating.

Scott describes the show as the 1960s hit The Dating Game, updated for the social media age. "The old Dating Game would be just a girl on one side, three guys on the other, but we've got gay couples, straight couples, transgender couples,"

he said. "It's a lot more inclusive."

For the TV version, Scott hopes to add a lot more social media input, with contestants able to audition via Snapchat or Instagram video.

Producer Brian O'Boyle said most of the details still have to be worked out, but the group hopes to be able to take the show on the road and possibly visit other Canadian cities.

It will also likely be re-branded.

Both say the recognition of a local show by someone like Hart is a dream come true. "It's over the top," O'Boyle said. "It's not something you would think would ever happen, and then all of a sudden — Boom."

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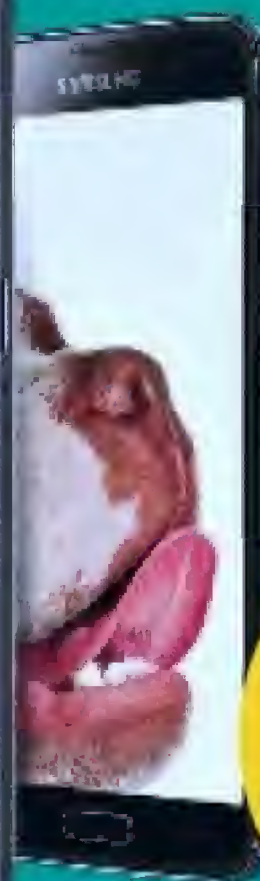
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Reshaping immigration

GOVERNMENT

Experts say federal report must address four key gaps

Having inherited an immigration system plagued with backlogs and heavy-handed enforcement, the Liberal government says it's keen to hear what you think needs to be done about Canada's immigration future.

Since the beginning of the summer, Immigration Minister John McCallum and his parliamentary secretary, Arif Virani, have held more than two dozen roundtable meetings across Canada with settlement services organizations, businesses and community groups.

While the final report won't be ready until the fall, Torstar News Services interviewed a group of immigration experts to weigh in on the national dialogue by identifying gaps in the system and offering solutions.

Meaningful and accessible citizenship



Jasmyne Bowen waves her Canadian flag while sitting on her cousin's lap during the citizenship ceremony for 37 new Canadians in Guelph in July 2013. TONY SAXON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Andrew Griffith, a former director general at the immigration department, said Canada largely has its immigration policies and programs right, but an independent review by a royal commission would be helpful.

Griffith said Ottawa must set targets for naturalization as a benchmark, to assess whether its policies strike the right balance in making citizenship accessible

and meaningful.

Family reunification key to immigrants' success:

Debbie Douglas, of the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, said Canada's immigration program should be guided by the principle of nation-building. And the best way to support newcomers is to support family reunification through

faster processing.

"We believe family reunification should be increased to 40 per cent of total immigration numbers," she said.

"Canada should also prioritize refugee family reunification and invest the needed resources to reduce processing delays in refugee family sponsorship."

Foreign workers, migrants

need access to permanent residence:

Harald Bauder, director of Ryerson University's graduate program in immigration and settlement studies, said the success of Canada's annual intake of immigrants depends on the government's willingness to fund the settlement sector.

With proper resources, he said, Canada could welcome far beyond 1 per cent of its population annually.

The 1 per cent solution for growth and prosperity:

The Conference Board of Canada said immigration is the backbone of the country's population growth and Canada could admit up to 1 per cent of its population in immigrants each year, for its economic prosperity.

"To go beyond the 1 per cent annual level of immigration, Canada would need to rethink its allocation of resources and strategic plans for helping to spread settlement across the country and outside of major cities," the board said in a response prepared by vice-president Michael Bloom and research associate Kareem El-Assal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Agency urges caution as Zika hits U.S. mainland

The Public Health Agency is telling pregnant Canadian women who visited the Miami area in Florida on or after June 15 to take precautions against the Zika virus.

The warning comes after U.S. health officials said mosquitoes have apparently started spreading Zika on the U.S. mainland. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario NDPPer drops out of federal leadership race

Ontario New Democrat Cheri DiNovo is pulling out of the federal NDP's leadership race because of health reasons.

DiNovo, a member of the Ontario legislature, issued a statement saying she suffered what doctors believe were two small strokes in recent weeks, which she called "a terrifying ordeal."

The veteran NDPPer says she needs to spend the next month or so focusing on her health so she'll be able to return to the Ontario legislature for the fall sitting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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TRAVEL

Disability advocates decry airline's lack of accessibility



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto man who was denied a seat on an Air Canada flight because his wheelchair is too large is a sign of "systemic" problems in the airline industry, accessibility advocates say.

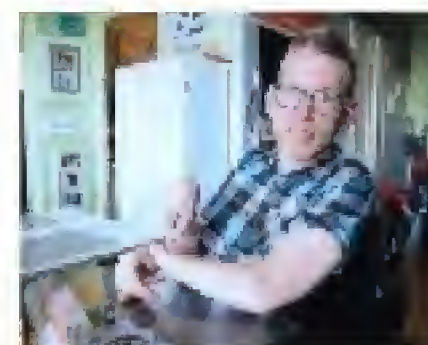
Tim Rose, 31, tried to book a flight to Cleveland in September but was told he wouldn't be able to fly because his wheelchair can't fit in the cargo hold.

"I said, 'This is discrimination,' and they said, 'No it's not, it's the same thing as if you had an oversized bag. If it doesn't fit, it doesn't fit.' So essentially, she just compared me to luggage," Rose said.

Ing Wong-Ward, associate director of Toronto's Centre for Independent Living, uses a wheelchair and said Rose's experience is unfortunately not unique.

"Any traveller who uses a wheelchair can tell you their own stories of horror or surprise," she said. "I have friends who are wheelchair users who don't fly anymore because it's such a hassle."

Wong-Ward has travelled extensively and has yet to find an airline that "gets it," she said.



Tim Rose TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Passengers cannot bring their mobility devices on board aircraft, so, when she flies, Wong-Ward spends hours "in a seat that's not designed for my body" while worrying if her wheelchair will be there when she disembarks.

"One thing people need to understand is that a wheelchair is what we rely on for our independence and autonomy," she said. "It's not just a piece of luggage like ski equipment or a surf board."

Luke Anderson, founder of the Stop Gap initiative, which provides accessible wheelchair ramps to businesses, said companies like Air Canada should provide equal service to every passenger.

"They need policies in place to accommodate regardless of the situation. If one aircraft can't handle it, then there needs to be

+ AIR CANADA

Airline rep responds

A representative from Air Canada said the plane that travels between Toronto and Cleveland has a cargo hold door that is too small for Rose's wheelchair.

The representative said the airline contacted Rose and presented him with two options: to take an indirect flight on planes that have a larger cargo door or to have the wheelchair transported on a different flight and sent to him when he arrives in Cleveland. Rose denied receiving any such offers.

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a policy that puts another aircraft in its place," he said.

Anderson and Wong-Ward are hopeful cases like Rose's can help move the conversation forward and reduce barriers for those with disabilities.

"Tim's in the unfortunate situation of having discovered the issue but hopefully it will help companies like Air Canada develop better policies," he said.

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Trump 'unfit' to be president: Obama

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

U.S. leader says it's time for Republicans to cut ties

In a searing denouncement, President Barack Obama castigated Donald Trump as "unfit" and "woefully unprepared" to serve in the White House. He challenged Republicans to withdraw their support for their party's nominee, declaring, "There has to come a point at which you say enough."

While Obama has long been critical of Trump, his blistering condemnation Tuesday was a notable escalation of his involvement in the presidential race.

Obama questioned whether Trump would "observe basic decency" as president, argued he lacks elementary knowledge about domestic and international affairs and condemned his disparagement of an American Muslim couple whose son was killed while serving the U.S. Army in Iraq.

A chorus of Republicans has disavowed Trump's criticism of Khizr and Ghazala Khan and the Republican nominee's calls to temporarily ban Muslims from coming to the U.S. But Obama argued that isn't enough.

"If you are repeatedly having to say, in very strong terms, that what he has said is unacceptable, why are you still endorsing



U.S. President Barack Obama speaks about Donald Trump at a press conference Tuesday. SAUL LOEB/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

him?" Obama asked during a White House news conference. "What does this say about your party that this is your standard-bearer?"

No prominent Republican lawmaker responded to Obama's challenge.

Sen. Mark Kirk, who is facing a tough re-election fight in Illinois, rescinded his endorsement of Trump in June after the GOP nominee criticized an American-born judge's Mexican heritage.

Others, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan, have broken with the nominee on individual issues but continue to back his candidacy.

Instead, it was Trump stunningly withholding his support from top GOP lawmakers, including House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton sees GOP concerns about Trump as an opportunity to reach out to party moderates —

+ TRADE DEAL

Obama says he plans to save the 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal during the two-month post-election period known as the lame-duck session, when the outgoing administration and lawmakers briefly remain in office.

The deal essentially dies without U.S. ratification. To enter into force, the agreement needs to be approved by the lawmaking bodies of at least 85 per cent of the TPP region's total economy — a mathematically impossible task without the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

particularly women — who may be so upset by the nominee that they're willing to look past policy differences and questions about Clinton's character.

Ahead of Obama's remarks Tuesday, GOP Rep. Richard Hanna of New York said he would be voting for Clinton. Hanna, who is retiring from Congress, had previously said he couldn't back Trump.

Writing in the Syracuse Post-Standard, Hanna said that while he disagrees with Clinton on many issues,

"I trust she can lead."

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PARTY DIVISION

Nominee refuses to endorse key figures

As Republican loyalists continue to flee, Donald Trump ignited new party tensions Tuesday by refusing to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan or a pair of senators seeking re-election, a remarkable display of party division just three months before Election Day.

The Republican presidential nominee told The Washington Post he's "just not quite there yet," when asked about an endorsement of Ryan, who faces a primary election next week. In doing so, he echoed the House speaker's comments of almost three months earlier, when the Wisconsin congressman was initially reluctant to embrace Trump as his party's standard bearer.

Also Tuesday, the woman who helped shape New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's national image declared that she's voting for Clinton.

"As someone who has worked to further the Republican Party's principles for the last 15 years, I believe that we are at a moment where silence isn't an option," former Christie senior aide Maria Comella told CNN.

They join dozens of high-profile GOP leaders who have previously said they would not vote for Trump, including the party's 2012 nominee, Mitt Romney, and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

A day earlier, Sally Bradshaw, an architect of the Republican

National Committee's 2013 Growth and Opportunity report, said she's leaving the GOP. Her decision to leave the party rocked those who make politics their profession.

"Trump has moved in exactly the opposite direction from our recommendations on how to make the party more inclusive," said Ari Fleischer, who worked



Paul Ryan

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with Bradshaw and was a senior adviser to President George W. Bush.

Fleischer still supports Trump over Clinton. But Bradshaw and Comella are

among a group of top Republican operatives, messengers, national committee members and donors who continue to decry Trump's tactics, highlighting almost daily — with fewer than 100 days before the election — the fissures created by the billionaire and his takeover of the party.

Christie, the New Jersey governor, continues to be one of Trump's biggest supporters. But Comella, his former aide, said the survival of the party depends on stopping Trump.

"Instead of speaking out against instances of bigotry, racism and inflammatory rhetoric, whether it's been against women, immigrants or Muslims, we made a calculus that it was better to say nothing at all in the interest of politics and winning elections," she told CNN. "For me, if our party has a future, we have to change that trajectory and lead by example." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



We are at a moment where silence isn't an option.

Maria Comella

IN BRIEF

Turkish president blames West for attempted coup

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan once more blasted unnamed Western countries Tuesday for what he said was support for the attempted coup on July 15 that left more than 270 people dead.

"The West is supporting terrorism and taking sides with coups," Erdogan said, adding that forces unhappy with Turkey's rise as a regional power were behind the coup.

Erdogan also repeated a complaint that no foreign leader had visited Turkey after the failed coup, while France and Belgium received visits in solidarity after terror attacks there.

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Heavy monsoon rains batter India

The death toll in flooding from heavy monsoon rains in India has climbed past 90, with about a million people taking shelter in government-run relief camps, officials said Tuesday.

Incessant downpours have damaged swaths of land, uprooted trees and snapped telephone cables in dozens of districts in the states of Bihar in the east, Assam in the remote northeast and Himachal Pradesh in the north.

A total of 96 people have been killed in the flooding in the three states over the past week, according to state officials.

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EARTH FEVER HEAT RECORDS BROKEN

Children play as they cool down in a fountain beside the Manzanares river in Madrid, Spain last year — a year that saw dozens of climate records broken.

A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration report Tuesday declared 2015 the hottest on record.

The new report shows the broad extent of other records and near-records on the planet's climatic health. Those include record heat energy absorbed by the oceans and lowest groundwater storage levels globally.

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TRAVEL

NewLeaf files suit against advocate

NewLeaf Travel, a Winnipeg up-start offering discount airfares, is taking direct aim at its main critic, filing a defamation lawsuit against the consumer advocate who has raised concerns about its operations.

The company, which launched last month after a false start over licensing questions earlier this year, is accusing Gabor Lukacs, a self-described airline passenger rights' advocate, of "an unrelenting, aggressive and malicious attack," targeted at NewLeaf and at NewLeaf's potential and existing customers.

NewLeaf Travel, which calls

itself a "low-cost" air travel company, originally announced plans to begin operating in February. But when questions emerged about whether NewLeaf needed to be licensed by the Canadian Transportation Agency, it suspended sales and refunded customers.

After a review, the Canadian Transportation Agency sided with NewLeaf, arguing it was merely a ticket reseller and not an airline, as it contracts all flying including pilots and flight attendants with Kelowna-based Flair Air.

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IN BRIEF

Needs of predators forgotten in catch limits

The federal Fisheries Department needs to start considering predators' fate when it sets catch limits for small fish, a new report by WWF-Canada concludes.

The conservation group analyzed data on

27 foraging species, and found three fisheries are in decline in Atlantic Canada. That includes two herring stocks in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Seabirds, whales and bluefin tuna face starvation without the teeming schools of foraging fish.

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Vancouver's tax on foreign buyers has sparked concerns for Toronto's housing market.

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Hot housing market could get hotter still

REAL ESTATE

Vancouver's tax seen as shifting foreign buyers to Toronto

Toronto's red-hot real estate market could get even hotter as foreign nationals looking to dodge a new 15 per cent tax on properties in Vancouver seek new places to invest, realtors say.

The tax, which took effect Tuesday, was introduced by the British Columbia government

with the intent of improving home affordability in Metro Vancouver, where house prices are among the highest in North America.

But it has also given rise to concerns that it could exacerbate Toronto's housing market. "Where are those foreign investors going to go?" said Derek Ladouceur, a Toronto real estate agent.

"They're not going to want to pay that 15 per cent, so they're going to now dump it into the Toronto real estate market, which is already hot."

Ladouceur predicts that all segments of Toronto's housing

market will get pricier, from condos to detached single-family homes, but the luxury segment — where many foreign investors park their money — could see the biggest lift.

Dianne Usher, a Toronto-based realtor with Royal LePage, says some foreign buyers have already been flocking to Toronto as soaring home values have priced them out of Vancouver's market.

"With an additional tax it will grow exponentially, in my view," says Usher.

Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa has said he is examining the tax "very close-

ly" as a possible measure to address Toronto home prices.

The average cost of a home in the city in June was \$746,546, up nearly 17 per cent from the same month last year, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association. In comparison, Vancouver home prices averaged \$1,026,207, a rise of more than 11 per cent.

Brad Henderson, president and CEO of Sotheby's International Realty Canada, said some foreign nationals could also snatch up properties in parts of British Columbia that aren't subject to the tax, such as Victoria. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON A CYCLE OF FEAR

We are not engulfed in anti-immigrant sentiment but we still hear the old chestnuts ('Go back where you came from!') delivered with an urgency that belies how familiar the process of welcoming newcomers really is.

Anti-immigration calls enveloping the U.S. election and destabilizing politics in Europe contain a common urgency.

Common, but deceptive. The urgency is actually old and recycled. It's contained in anti-immigration calls over centuries, addressed in a Shakespeare monologue that calls for an angry mob to put itself in the foreigner's shoes, exemplified by discrimination and hatred shown to Irish, Italians and Polish in North America in decades past. The urgency is apocalyptic. It signals a swift-stalking doom. It promises the end is pretty much already nigh, the fears already realized.

And it was the tenor of public sentiment here, fifty years ago, when Matilda, an Armenian from Aleppo, Syria, arrived in Canada.

"Back then it was nothing to say, 'Go back where you came from,'" she said, sitting in a chair in the centre of the corner shop she runs in Toronto's Little Italy, an odds-and-ends buffet of household items supplied entirely by her not large, but largely hoarding family ("One even keeps gum wrappers!").

There are teacups, silverware, running shoes and a floral kimono (which brought me in), a vintage Madonna magazine, art prints, and the sense that anything might be unearthed. But Matilda herself is far more interesting. She sat near a fan ("I hate the heat") and I found myself sitting in the chair beside her, which I now imagine she keeps for visitors, expected or otherwise.

"Do you know what a DP

is?" she asked, then answered: "Displaced person."

When Matilda and her husband arrived in Toronto, they rented an apartment while her husband, who had already studied to become a pharmacist in Rome, went back to school to earn Canadian credentials while working night shifts at a hospital pharmacy.

"You DP's," their neighbour

from" if they seek to cover their face during citizenship ceremonies.

That same old chestnut. Which is not to say we are also engulfed, like U.S., or the U.K., or Europe generally, in anti-immigrant sentiment. Eight in 10 Canadians think immigration is good for the economy, and more than half disagree with the statement



A CANADIAN TRADITION Former Conservative immigration minister Jason Kenney is seen in 2010 at a press conference where he announced an increase in Canada's refugee quotas. CPFILE

told them one day, repeating a phrase echoed through history: "You come here and take all the jobs."

For forty years, Matilda's husband ran a pharmacy in this shop, and the pink neon "pharmacy" sign still glows over a clothing rack. He died suddenly one day at work eight years ago, and no one wanted to buy the little pharmacy, she said. So, two months later, Matilda opened the reimagined shop.

She thinks Toronto has changed immensely since they arrived, grown in diversity and diminished in discrimination. And yet, last year, during the height of the niqab debate, a Conservative MP was chastised for telling Muslim women to "stay the hell where you came

from" if they seek to cover their face during citizenship ceremonies. That same old chestnut. Which is not to say we are also engulfed, like U.S., or the U.K., or Europe generally, in anti-immigrant sentiment. Eight in 10 Canadians think immigration is good for the economy, and more than half disagree with the statement

that immigration levels are too high, according to an Environics Institute survey from 2015. Even our right-wing politicians are believers. When Jason Kenney, a former immigration minister, announced his campaign to unite and lead Alberta's right-wing parties, he played up immigrants' positive impacts on this country. His former colleague, MP Michelle Rempel, has been hammering away at the Liberal government for not fast-tracking Yazidi refugees from Iraq.

But Canada has something that others do not: control. It's difficult to travel to this country, bordered as it is on three sides by forbidding oceans and on the fourth side by the U.S.

Immigrants brought here, under a fairly well-functioning program, are often highly skilled and carrying job offers (a priority for the Conservatives). Essentially, they're invited. In the U.S., the U.K. and other nations, immigrants are those who arrive of their own accord.

Our buffers make our welcoming posture easier to achieve, warns Jeffrey Reitz, director of Ethnic, Immigration and Pluralism studies at the Munk School for Global Affairs. And studies have not conclusively shown that we're any better than the U.S. at integrating immigrants when they do arrive, he added.

As for the desperation with which anti-immigrant sentiment is flung, it's historically unnecessary.

"In every wave of immigration, people raise the alarm that society is being destroyed and in no case that I can think of has it come to pass," Reitz said.

A recent case in point: "In the '70s and early '80s, there was a big debate in Toronto about the fact Toronto was no longer, because of immigration, a majority British city."

And then?

"All the people that used to be in 'them' in the '70s and '80s, they then became 'us.'"

A more recent case in point: As I was talking with Matilda, a homeless man in a long trench and non-matching sneakers sans laces walked in.

"Here comes my boyfriend," she said.

"Candy?" the man asked.

"Yes, I have candy for you," she said. "One minute."

The man pulled up his pant legs to reveal bare ankles.

"And socks."

"Yes, I have socks for you."

She turned back to me to deliver the punchline of the joke she was telling. "The third man says, 'I wrote him a cheque!'"

Then she laughed and then she moved off to retrieve her boyfriend's requests. One of us and, surely, one of the better.



'The Brazilian Way' of getting the job done

Kira Proctor

With only days to go before the opening ceremonies, there are growing concerns over whether Rio de Janeiro is prepared to host the Olympics.

Amid the published concerns, there are plenty of good reasons for doubt: a government in political turmoil, a state that is bankrupt, the potential threat of the Zika virus, unfinished stadiums void of workers or progress, similarly unfinished metro links, contaminated water in the harbour, and numerous reports of human rights violations, which include everything from forced evictions to police brutality.

The consensus in the media is clear: Rio is a disaster. Outside of the country, this news carries an element of shock. How could they let it get so bad? When I speak to friends in Brazil, my questions are met with tired shrugs and a quippy "What did you expect?" With a smirk that seems to combine celebration and cynicism, they add, "It's the Brazilian way."

Is there such a thing? Brazilians seem to think so. It even has a name: *jeitinho*. According to Brazilian anthropologist Livia Barbosa, there is no English translation for the expression *dar um jeitinho*. She says, "To pull a string" or "to cut through the red tape" are the most similar idiomatic expressions I can find."

The *jeitinho* suggests a circumventing of official channels, along with a certain resourcefulness and creativity in getting what you need. Flirting with a bank teller to speed up a money order, slipping through a club's side door with the help of a bouncer, getting a co-worker to cover

for you when you duck out early.

Most cultures employ analogous methods of pulling strings or helping each other out, so what makes the *jeitinho* unique? It seems to occur on an almost instinctual level for most Brazilians; it may be their first course of action, before even trying official channels. It is a favour asked for and given without the expectation of being repaid in anything but friendliness. There is no debt. It is a human practice — sympathetic, kind, helpful, and a great equalizing force in a society plagued by inequalities.

A similar bending of the rules goes on at the highest levels of government but sadly performs the opposite function. We're seeing it right now in the leadup to the Olympics. Take the wall erected along the highway from the airport to the touristy areas of the Zona Sul. Sold to locals as a sound barrier, it's obviously an attempt to block out some of Rio's most impoverished communities. It turns transparent any time there is something positive to look at — a newly built school, for instance.

"The Olympics pretext is awesome," Rio's mayor joked in 2012. "I need to use it as an excuse for everything. ... Now all that I need to do, I will do for the Olympics. Some things could be really related to the Games, others have nothing to do with them." Was anyone laughing then? Are they now?

The *jeitinho* is Brazil at its best and worst. Whether Rio succeeds or fails in pulling off these Olympics, it will be largely because of the *jeitinho*.

Kira Proctor is a writer who spent three years living in Brazil, studying Portuguese, capoeira and Afro-Brazilian dance and culture.

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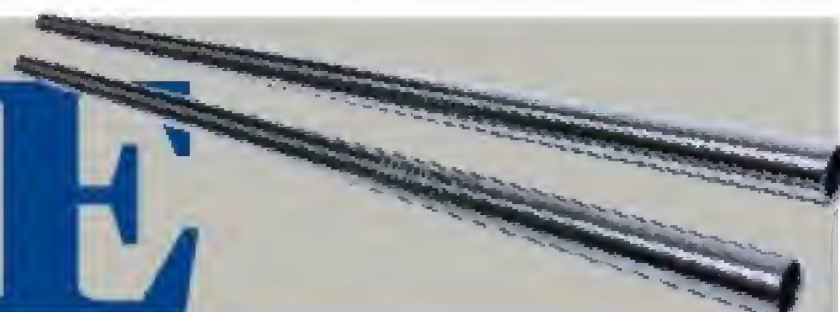
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What's next for the kids?

This summer's hit show *Stranger Things* rides a Steven Spielberg-Rob Reiner vibe with its use of a solid young cast and early 1980s timeline to tell an engrossing sci-fi (with a side of horror) tale. It's only been on Netflix for about a month, but the pre-teen stars appear poised for bigger things. We check in on what's next. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

NOAH SCHNAPP

He plays Will Byers, the vanished boy who sets the story in motion. Before the show, the 11-year-old actor voiced Charlie Brown in *The Peanuts Movie* and played Tom Hanks' son in Steven Spielberg's *Bridge of Spies*. He'll be seen next as Otis, a "nine-year-old crossword fanatic" in family drama *We Only Know So Much*, alongside Jeanne Tripplehorn, Damian Young and Loudon Wainwright III. It's due out next year.



FINN WOLFHARD

The Vancouver-born 13-year-old plays Mike Wheeler, leader of the group of guys at the heart of *Stranger Things*. And this is not the only horror-tinged project on his plate. There's plenty more spooky stuff going on for Wolfhard, who is now in Toronto shooting Andres Muschietti's two-part remake of *It*. He plays one of the seven kids in the *Losers Club*, Richie Tozier.

CALEB MCLAUGHLIN

Now playing likable Lucas Sinclair on *Stranger Things*, McLaughlin isn't ready to leave the '80s behind. He'll be seen next in *New Edition: The Movie*. The three-night miniseries to air on BET tells the story of the 1980s boy band, with McLaughlin playing the young Ricky Bell. Elijah Kelley takes over the role as the singer grows up.

GATEN MATARAZZO

The young actor described his character Dustin Henderson as "a gregarious, foul-mouthed 12-year-old boy" in an interview with *IndieWire*. His speech impediment is natural, so is his adorable smile. This is only his second TV role, but Matarazzo is no performing newcomer. When he's not on the *Stranger Things* set, he's busy playing Gavroche in musical *Les Misérables*.

MILLIE BROWN

Playing Eleven, the mysterious girl with the shorn hair, fixed stare and psychokinetic skills, is the breakout role for the 12-year-old Spanish-born Brit. She's done a few TV guest spots, including *Grey's Anatomy* and *Modern Family*, and played young Alice in series *Once Upon a Time in Wonderland*. What's next could include a musical. Brown's YouTube site has her doing emotional renditions of songs by Amy Winehouse, Adele and John Lennon.



COURTESY NETFLIX



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

When the little ones grow up to hate you

THE SHOW: *Tallulah* (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: Stating the theme

Tallulah, or *Lu* (Ellen Page) — who lives hand-to-mouth in her van — has done something rash.

She snatched a toddler from an unhappy mother, Carolyn (Tammy Blanchard), an aging sex bomb. Then she passed the baby off as her own to her boyfriend's mom, Margo (Allison Janney), who's unhappy for different reasons. Now the police close in

on *Lu*, while Carolyn waits with Margo. "I wished for this to happen," Carolyn says. "So many times. 'If only she was gone.'"

"You don't mean that," Margo says.

"I did," Carolyn insists. "I kept waiting for some mommy feeling, but it never came. I thought maybe if I had a baby, my husband would be interested in me again."

"But it's the opposite. It's so lonely. Am I a horrible person?"

Margo's eyes well. "We're all horrible," she says. "And we're all just people."

Normally I'm not impressed when dialogue hits the theme on the nose. But in this telefilm, it works, beautifully, because it comes from Margo's character. All three women are drawn both fully and delicately. Each does things that surprise us, but each surprise is true to, and deepens, who they are. That's a feat. And can we please share a moment

of silent reverence for Janney?

This is one of many beats where she leaves us gaping.

Every parent will relate to an earlier one: *Lu* mentions that the toddler's littleness blows her mind. "Then they grow up and hate you," Margo says, "and it really blows your mind."

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Lu (Ellen Page) is a delicately developed character. CONTRIBUTED

New twist on old favourite

RECIPE

Caprese salad boasts creamy cheese, crunchy prosciutto

The Caprese salad is universally loved.

In Cravings, Chrissy Teigen's cookbook that she co-wrote with Gourmet magazine alumna Adeena Sussman, the model offers a new take on a summer favourite.

She uses burrata — fresh mozzarella with a creamy centre — and cuts the tomatoes in different shapes and sizes, some slices, some wedges.

She omits the traditional basil and adds arugula and delicious, crunchy prosciutto chips which take this Caprese from ordinary good to extraordinary great.

The prosciutto chips (she calls them crisps) are easy to prepare and make such a difference. You can substitute them in almost any recipe that calls for bacon.

Caprese salad with crispy prosciutto

Serves 6.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups baby arugula
- 1 (8-ounce) ball burrata or fresh mozzarella cheese
- 2 pounds assorted ripe tomatoes cut in a variety of shapes (wedges, slices, chunks, etc.)
- 3 tablespoons best-quality olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

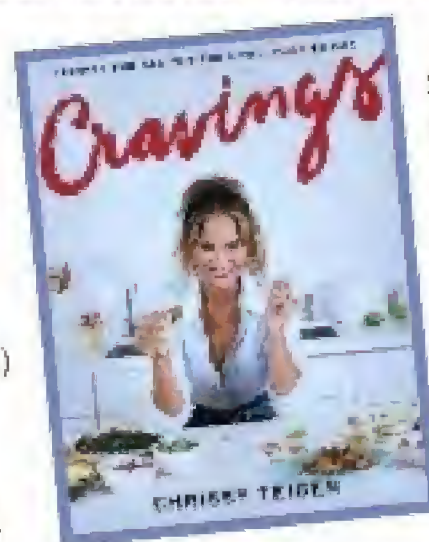


This Caprese salad uses burrata — fresh mozzarella with a creamy centre. CONTRIBUTED

- 1-2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 6-12 prosciutto crisps (recipe follows)

Directions:

1. Scatter the arugula on a serving platter and place the cheese in the centre. Arrange the tomatoes around the cheese.



2. Cut a small opening in the burrata/mozzarella ball so you can see the centre, and then drizzle olive oil all around the platter.

3. Drizzle balsamic vinegar on the

tomatoes and arugula. Season with the salt and pepper and top with the prosciutto crisps.

Prosciutto crisps

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Arrange prosciutto on the baking sheet.

3. Bake until wrinkled and slightly shrunken, 11 to 13 minutes. (It will crisp as it cools.)

4. Cool, eat whole as a snack, or crumble and use as a garnish for salads, or anything that could use crispness.

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U.S. RESEARCH

Medical benefits of flossing not proven

It's one of the most universal recommendations in all of public health: Floss daily to prevent gum disease and cavities.

Except there's little proof that flossing works. Still, the U.S. government, dental organizations and manufacturers of floss have pushed the practice for decades. Dentists provide samples to their patients; the American Dental Association insists on its website that, "Flossing is an essential part of taking care of your teeth and gums."

The U.S. federal government has recommended flossing since 1979, first in a surgeon general's report and later in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans issued every five years.

The guidelines must be based on scientific evidence, under the law. Last year, the Associated Press asked the departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture for their evidence, and followed up with written requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

When the federal government issued its latest dietary guidelines this year, the flossing recommendation had been removed, without notice.

In a letter to the AP, the government acknowledged the effectiveness of flossing had never been researched, as required.

The AP looked at the most rigorous research conducted over the past decade, focusing on 25 studies that generally

compared the use of a toothbrush with the combination of toothbrushes and floss. The findings? The evidence for flossing is "weak, very unreliable," of "very low" quality, and carries "a moderate to large potential for bias."

The majority of available studies fail to demonstrate that flossing is generally effective in plaque removal," said one review conducted last year.

One study review in 2011 did credit floss with a slight reduction in gum inflammation — which can sometimes develop over time into full-fledged gum disease.

However, the reviewers ranked the evidence as "very unreliable."

A commentary in a dental magazine stated that any benefit would be so minute it might not be noticed by users.

National Institutes of Health dentist Tim Iafolla acknowledged that if the highest standards of science were applied in keeping with the flossing reviews of the past decade, "then it would be appropriate to drop the floss guidelines."

Regardless, he added, people should still floss.

"It's low risk, low cost," he said.

"We know there's a possibility that it works, so we feel comfortable telling people to go ahead and do it."

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REVIEW

**Collab?
Compact?
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Today's review of the Infiniti QX30 is brought to you by the letter C. C, as in collaboration, compact and crossover — all words that apply directly to this all-new vehicle from the Japanese automaker.

See, this new vehicle from Nissan's luxury arm was developed with some help from a German rival: Daimler, the folks behind Mercedes-Benz.

In fact, the platform and powertrain are all Mercedes derived, and you can get a very similar car to the QX30 with the Mercedes GLA 250. But there's more. It features a nicely crafted cabin, more refined driving dynamics and is offered in a number of different variants that will surely appeal to luxury buyers.

Infiniti wants customers to think of the QX30 as a whole family of vehicles. That's because it is offering three versions of it: the base QX30, the QX30 Sport and the QX30 AWD.

One of the bigger complaints we had with the Mercedes GLA is the amount of rear seat space for passengers. Sadly, the QX30 offers even less passenger volume than the GLA, but pro-

vides more cargo room. This is more than the Lexus NX, BMW X1 and Audi Q3. Despite being called a crossover, the QX30 and QX30 AWD are actually lower in height than most of those aforementioned cars. Only the GLA 250 is lower than the QX30 AWD, by 0.2 of an inch.

Competing with such cars as the BMW X1, Audi Q3, Lexus NX and Mercedes GLA isn't easy, but a low price tag, several available models and attractive styling will help Infiniti move units. And once you drive a QX30, things get more impressive.

Unlike the GLA it has so much in common with, the QX30 feels far more refined, particularly in regards to the powertrain. Where we found the seven-speed dual clutch to be lazy and jerky in the GLA, the QX30 felt much more normal in comparison.

The engine is quick enough and you won't be wanting much more power, although high-speed passes will take a little extra planning. The thrust of the turbo is pretty good, although the QX30 AWD felt a little less sprightly off the line. I'd chalk that up to extra weight, as the all-wheel drive adds a lot of weight of the car. Still, the porkiest version of this vehicle (QX30 AWD with the Premium package) weighs under 1,588 kilograms, meaning the engine should be quite efficient.

The ride quality is top notch. It's smooth, confident and reminds me of the bigger vehicles Infiniti offers.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 INFINITI QX30

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder

Power: 208 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque

Transmission: Seven-speed dual clutch automatic

Fuel Economy: TBD

Pricing: Expect it to start at in the mid-\$30K, U.S.



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Semenya at heart of intersex debate

ROAD TO Rio
Testosterone question

South African runner able to compete but cases roll on

It seems the sports world just doesn't know what to do with an athlete like Caster Semenya. The South African runner, and others like her, may present one of the greatest dilemmas for the perception of fairness in sports.

Athletes like Semenya with intersex conditions — those that don't conform to standard definitions of male or female — debunk any presumption that everyone fits neatly into those definitive categories in sports.

According to sports scientist Ross Tucker, "the biology isn't quite as simple as that."

Semenya's story is well-known. As an 18-year-old newcomer at the 2009 world championships, she dominated the best women's 800-metre runners. The gap between her and the defending world champion, who finished second, was astounding. Semenya celebrated by showing off her bicep muscles, stoking a controversy sparked hours earlier by revelations that she had undergone sex verification tests.

She was later sidelined for 11 months by world track's governing body, the IAAF, and was only cleared to run again in 2010. She returned and won a silver medal in the 800 at the 2012 Olympics. Now 25 and the favourite for gold at the Rio Olympics, Semenya has been pursued by gender questions. But her case has never been about a man masquerading as a woman.

Semenya is a woman because she says she's a woman, was legally recognized at birth as female, treated as female, and identified as female. Nobody can dictate to Semenya what gender she is. But since the 1950s, track and field has conducted sex testing to protect women's competitions, initially using basic anatomy tests, and later chromosomes. The tests didn't work.

Sex testing in sports should be about preventing an unfair



Caster Semenya races to victory in the women's 800-metre final during the Doha IAAF Diamond League 2016 meeting at Qatar Sports Club in May. The South African runner's intersex condition has created controversy and challenged the sex divide in sports. WARREN LITTLE/GETTY IMAGES

advantage and, therefore, not about genitalia or chromosomes, which don't make athletes run faster, jump higher or throw farther. What does, according to the IAAF, is testosterone.

The IAAF says testosterone is the most significant factor in athletic performance. Men, generally, have more testosterone than women. In 2011, the IAAF officially drew a line between men and women in terms of testosterone. The issue it sought to resolve was hyperandrogenism — high levels of naturally occurring testosterone in some women that apparently gave them a competitive advantage.

Tucker said research conducted by the IAAF showed six women with intersex conditions competed at the 2011 world championships. Joanna Harper, an expert on gender in sports and a consultant to the IAAF, thinks two female medallists at this year's indoor world championships are probably intersex, and estimated 5-10 intersex athletes will compete in track and field at the Rio Olympics.

Six years after Semenya was subjected to the IAAF tests, the lid was lifted on her situation in 2015. That's when Indian sprinter Dutee Chand went to the Court

of Arbitration for Sport — the highest court in world sports — and challenged the IAAF rules that regulated testosterone in hyperandrogenic women.

The case forced the IAAF to publicly defend its rules that for hyperandrogenic women to be eligible to compete as women, their testosterone levels must

suppressing medication.

Former Olympic runner Bruce Kidd, a professor of physical education and an adviser to Chand, opposes the testosterone-limiting rule. He argues that the testosterone is natural in these women, and although men produce more of it, "there is nothing to say that testosterone is a male hormone."

"Dutee and Caster are (competing) with their own chemicals," Kidd said. "They are fully in keeping with the Olympic spirit of being true to yourself and playing without doping. So why are they being castigated for that? I think it is so unfair."

Significantly, the IAAF accepted that its rules were basically discriminatory but were devised in search of a greater justice: fairness for women's track and field. Chand — and by default, Semenya — won an interim decision last year in the Court of Arbitration for Sport case, but on a different reasoning. The IAAF didn't have definitive evidence to show how much of an advantage the extra testosterone gave hyperandrogenic women. CAS gave the IAAF until July 2017 to provide the evidence needed to reinstate the rule, which won't be in place in Rio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



They are fully in keeping with the Olympic spirit.

Former Olympic runner
Bruce Kidd

be below a certain mark. It came down to a tiny measurement: how many nanomoles — a billionth of a mole — of testosterone a woman had per litre of blood. It couldn't be 10 nanomoles or more per litre, roughly the lower end of the male range. If it was 10 or higher, it had to be lowered. Harper said the testosterone levels of these hyperandrogenic women could be lowered either through the removal of internal testes or with hormone-

SAFE LANDING

Brazil welcomes Canadian athletes

Saskatoon's Gavin Schmitt, a six-foot-10 volleyball player, says his bed in the Olympic athletes' village is long enough and fits him just fine.

Canada's athletes joined those from Angola, Malaysia and Fiji in a welcoming party for the four countries at the village just outside the Barra Olympic Park on the west side of Rio. They were entertained with dancing and song.

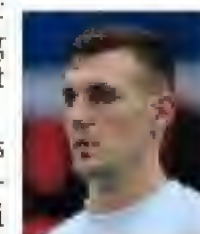
Water leaks, exposed electric-

al wires and inadequate plumbing delayed Australia's move into the village last week.

But Schmitt and others in the Canadian contingent of 314 athletes say they have light, hot water, functioning toilets and good food in the village.

The opening ceremonies are Friday but Canada starts competing Wednesday when the women's soccer team faces Australia in a preliminary-round match.

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Gavin Schmitt
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OLYMPICS IN BRIEF

Japan athlete escapes whopping Pokémon Go bill

Japanese Olympic gymnast Kohei Uchimura may be a record six-time world champion, but he won't be encountering much success in his Pokémon Go efforts after running up a huge roaming bill in Rio.

Uchimura was stunned to receive a 500,000 yen (\$4,900 US) mobile bill after playing the popular augmented-reality game. Thankfully for him, his Japanese carrier service agreed to reduce his bill to a 3,000 yen (\$30) daily all-you-can-use contract. Uchimura is the reigning gold medalist in the men's all-around competition.

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IOC blames anti-doping officials for tainting games

IOC president Thomas Bach lashed out Tuesday against those calling for the "nuclear option" — a complete ban on Russian athletes from the Rio de Janeiro Games — as he and other members blamed global anti-doping officials for a scandal that has rattled the Olympic movement.

Bach opened the IOC's three-day general assembly by seeking formal backing of the members for the executive board's handling of the Russian doping scandal. After a debate lasting more than two hours, Bach asked for a show of hands, and only one of the 85 members — Britain's Adam Pengilly — voted against his position.

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NHL

Woman says Sabres' Kane attacked her

A 21-year-old Buffalo woman has sued Sabres forward Evander Kane, saying he seriously injured her in the hotel room where he lives.

Documents filed July 1 in Erie County State Supreme on behalf of Rachel Kuechle Court say Kane met her in a bar, invited her to what he said was a party and then attacked her, causing cuts and bleeding that required multiple surgeries.

Without providing details of how she was injured, her lawyers said Kuechle suffered "serious emotional trauma" and

"serious, permanent and painful personal injuries."

Kane's actions are described as "unwanted, unconsented to, violent and offensive in nature physical battery," according to court papers.

No monetary damages were specified in the lawsuit. A message left for Kuechle's lawyer wasn't immediately returned.

Kane had been cleared in March of any criminal charges after authorities investigated the Dec. 27 encounter initially described as a possible sexual assault. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Dogged Romo laughs off fat jibes

NFL

Despite injury woes, Dallas QB stays focused on winning

Quick with a quip, Tony Romo looked at ease in the first chat with reporters at his 14th training camp — even when the topic turned to fat memes that spread on social media after an unflattering and deceptive photo of the Dallas quarterback was posted online.

The 36-year-old with a history of back issues and now coming off a twice-broken collarbone also sounded resolute, like a 10-year starter who hasn't been close to a Super Bowl with a franchise once defined by championships, but now 20 years removed from its most recent one.

"It's a sense of urgency every year," Romo said Monday, three days into a three-week camp in California. "Every year you walk in, you feel like it's the most important season you are ever going to play. I feel that way again this year. That's why you do everything you can to be at your best."

The Cowboys went 1-11 in the games Romo missed with his broken collarbone last season, tumbling to 4-12 a year after they won the NFC East at 12-4 and had their best chance to reach a conference championship game since Romo became the starter in 2006.

Romo still has his two most trusted targets — tight end Jason Witten, who came into the league with him in 2003, and 2014 All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant, who had career lows across the board last season after breaking his right foot in the opener. But the franchise



Tony Romo tosses the football at Dallas Cowboys training camp on Tuesday in Oxnard, Calif. GUS RUELAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

leader in yards passing and touchdowns also has a 21-year-old running back in Ezekiel Elliott, the fourth overall pick in this year's draft.

Not to mention a roster that gets increasingly younger as the years pile up for him. And those younger players recognize his voice. "This is our football team; this is my football team," said Romo, who likely wouldn't have made such a statement five years ago.

"Guys on the team understand how important it is to me, to the veterans of the team and the staff. We want that approach to be taken by everybody," Romo still has his lighter side, though. Asked about a strong first day in pads from cornerback Morris Claiborne, Romo said, "He

+ MOORE INJURY

Dallas quarterback Kellen Moore broke his right ankle in a training camp practice Tuesday, likely forcing the Cowboys to look outside the organization for an experienced backup.

The injury happened during one of the last plays of 11-on-11 work in the second full-pad practice of camp. Guard Jared Smith was pushed back by defensive lineman Lawrence Okoye and stepped on Moore's ankle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

broke up a pass that I threw. That's pretty tough to do." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

DeGrom, De Aza, d'Arnaud lead Mets over Yankees 7-1

Jacob deGrom pitched seven scoreless innings, Alejandro De Aza and Travis d'Arnaud homered off Masahiro Tanaka, and the New York Mets' offense woke up in a 7-1 Subway Series win over the Yankees on Tuesday night.

Jay Bruce went 0 for 4 and took a pair of called third strikes in his Mets debut, but his new team scored its most runs since July 7 and won for the second time in seven games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Dickey stars as Blue Jays edge Astros

R.A. Dickey threw seven solid innings. Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion homered and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Houston Astros 2-1 on Tuesday night. Bautista hit his 300th career homer in the third to put Toronto up 1-0.

Encarnacion launched his 29th home run to lead off the fourth — a monstrous shot that bounced off the railroad tracks at Minute Maid Park before landing in left field. Dickey (8-12) allowed one

run on six hits with five strikeouts. He had allowed 18 runs — 17 earned — over his last three starts, all losses.

Lance McCullers (6-5) allowed two runs on seven hits with six strikeouts in 4-2/3 innings before leaving with discomfort in his right elbow. He will be evaluated Wednesday.

McCullers was replaced by Joe Musgrove, who struck out eight in 4-1/3 shutout innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Fresh Salmon Burgers



PHOTO: MARY VESNIE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This gourmet burger is a healthy twist on the summer staple. Big chunks of fresh salmon make it satisfying, yet surprisingly easy to make.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

- Ingredients**
- 1 1/2 lb fresh salmon filet
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 Tbsp ginger, minced
 - 4 scallions, sliced
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 2 Tbsp sesame oil
 - 1 egg, whisked
 - 1/2 cup panko (or bread crumbs)
 - 2 Tbsp vegetable oil

Directions
1. Chill your salmon for at least

15 minutes before you begin. Using a sharp chef's knife, cut away the skin (if you didn't buy skinless salmon). Chop the filets into roughly 1/2 inch dice. Do not use a food processor. You will end up with salmon paste and that's not what we're after.

2. In a large bowl, mix together the garlic, ginger, scallions, salt, oil, egg and panko. Add your chopped salmon and mix thoroughly. Divide the mixture into four, good-sized patties.

3. Warm the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Gently place the patties in the warm pan and cook four or five minutes, carefully turn them over and cook for another four or five minutes. Serve on a toasted bun with your favourite slaw.

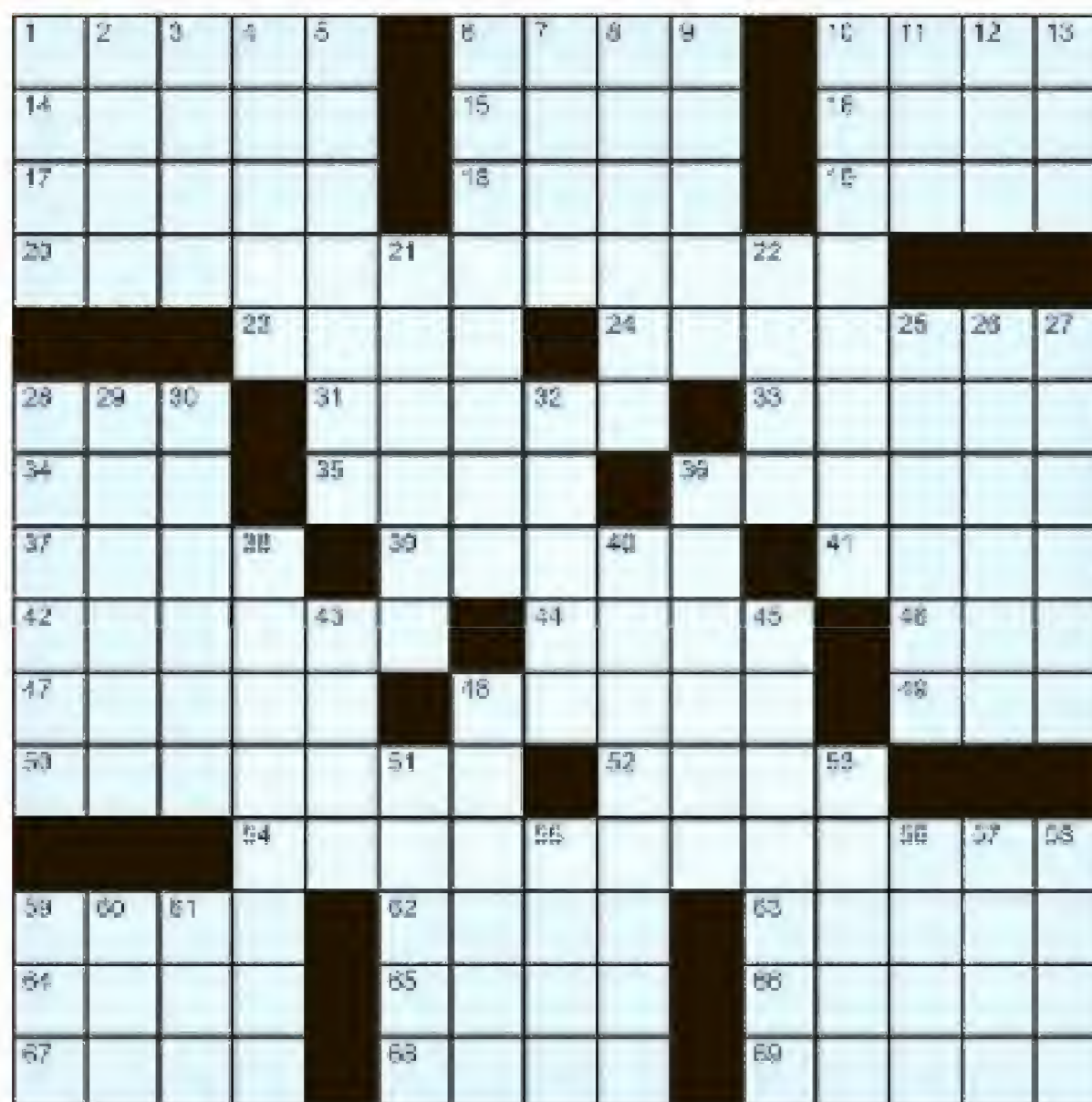
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ACROSS

- Q. "Is there ___ Eliza Doolittle in 'Pygmalion' by G.B.S.?" A. "Indeed!"
- Eat away at
- Pack away
- Aqua-denizen, with Ray
- Oscar-winning composer Nino
- Rum cocktail, ___ Libre
- Spoken/heard
- Mirror ___ House: The Autobiographies of Sean O'Casey
- Water wader
- "When I Get Back" is a song by this former Montreal indie duo with the 2011 album "Sound Kapital": 2 wds.
- Ms. Gilbert of "Roseanne"
- TV show segment
- "___ for two and me for..."
- Stockpile
- Fable's lesson
- Carol of fashion covers
- Joint pain site
- Amalgamated
- ___ mucil (Fiber supplement brand)
- ___ tomatoes (Posh salad ingredients)
- Equivalent
- Retaliate
- Doing word
- Foes to yeses
- Rocker Mr. Kravitz
- Merle Oberon title role film of 1941
- Summer bug
- Certify



- Hostels
- Shania Twain slow song/video: 4 wds.
- Sound system sort
- Singe
- ___ acid
- Mr. Rickman of reels
- Present

- Like green-covered cheese, variably
- Smelling waste
- Stagnate
- Authorization

DOWN

- Nursemaid
- ___ fide (In bad faith)

- Aware of the birthday surprise: 2 wds.
- Diamond ear-ring choices
- Army private character created by cartoonist George Baker: 2 wds.
- One pulling a displeasurable face

- Zippo
- Money-from-the-wall charge: acronym + wd.
- Where to look on "Friendly Giant": 2 wds.
- Crafts kit items
- Bathroom feature
- ___ Wan Kenobi

- Music producer Don
- Particular popsicle
- Icy layer
- Star Wars: Princess Leia ___
- Bounced-back e-mail source, Mailer-___
- Firstborn
- Steamed-in-corn-husks dish
- 7-___ (Convenience store chain)
- Go to the party
- Leadon
- Sheep of Spain known for its quality fleece
- Bothersome
- Aristocrat's ancestry
- Greek pita serving
- Small fowls
- Made the riverbanks resistant to rising waters
- Seaweed-wrapped appetizer
- South Pacific island group
- Dixie Chicks hit: "Goodbye ___"
- Knaveish
- Ampersands
- Stringed toy classic
- Owens
- ___ say!"
- Flight watchdog, commonly

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Parents should be vigilant about their children, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for them. Meanwhile, expect sudden invitations to fun events!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your home routine will be interrupted today. Perhaps small appliances will break down or minor breakages could occur. Because things are a bit willynilly, be patient with family members.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Expect to meet a new friend. Or perhaps you will discover a new place? That's because whatever happens today will be a bit unusual, and it will happen suddenly.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Keep your eye on your money and possessions today. Financial matters might be unpredictable. If shopping, count your change and keep your receipts.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There is a lot of energy and electricity in the air today! This makes you feel independent and ready to do your own thing. You also feel impulsive!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something unexpected that occurs behind the scenes might catch you off guard today. Allow a little extra time in your day so you can cope with this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A friend might surprise you today. Or perhaps, you will meet someone new who is unusual. Scheduled meetings might be cancelled or changed.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your ambition is aroused today; however, be courteous with authority figures. Even though you have unusual ideas, wait for the right time to present them. Today might not be the day.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Unexpected travel opportunities might fall in your lap today. Meanwhile, school schedules are subject to change. You will learn something new and unusual.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Matters related to shared property, inheritances and debt will hold some surprises for you today. Make sure you know what's going on. Check your bank account.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Feelings of independence might boomerang today, because partners and close friends will react to you. Possibly they want more freedom! (And so it goes.)

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your job routine will not be predictable today. Computer glitches and difficulties with machinery might create delays. Changes in personnel also make this an unpredictable day.

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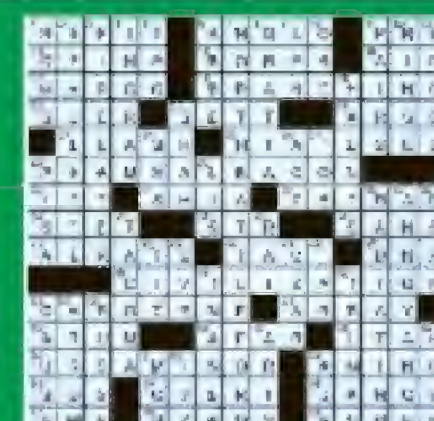
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